laws would be known only after the cases are adjudicated by proper authority. Under the Customs Act, 2447 persons were arrested in connection with smuggling activities throughout the country during 1984-85.

(b) and (c) During financial year 1984-85, 1996 persons were prosecuted; 825 persons were convicted and 219 persons were acquitted for smuggling activities throughout the country. However, these figures are provisional and also include prosecutions/convictions of persons arrested in earlier years. Under direct taxec Acts, 58 convictions were obtained during the year 1984-85; Under Central Excise and Salt Act, number of prosecutions launched and persons acquitted during this period are 183 and 22 respectively. During this period 115 persons were released by Detention Advisory Board.

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Acts	No. of Raids/ Searches	Value of assets/ Contraband goods seized, Central Excise duty evolved
Direct Taxes Acts. .	4345	2507.59
Customs Act . .	20521	2625.4*
Central Excises and Salt Act . .	5484	7982.00 (Aprox.)

*These figures do not include raids/searches conducted for detection for under valuation in customs : ppr ising c ses.

Increase in rebate period for the sale of Handloom goods

35. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEXTILES be pleased to state whether Government propose to increase the rebate period for the sale of handloom goods from 30 days to 60 days, in view to the huge stock accumulated with co-operative handloom societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): The Policy for the current year allows special rebate on sale of handloom cloth for 30 days plus Expos approved and organised by the Office of the Development Commissioner for Handlooms. This, in effect means a period of about 120 to 150 days of special rebate, since the Office of the Development Commissioner for handlooms organises between 3-4 Expos during a particular year.

However, a number of representations have been received from some State Governments seeking a reversion to the earlier Policy of 1984-85, which is being considered by Government.

Export-Import Policy

36. SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state whether Government will ensure that the amendments and changes in the 'Red Book' containing Government's export import policy made from time are given a wide publicity, especially in regional newspapers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): It is ensured by the Government that wide publicity is given to the amendments and changes in the import-export policy made from time to time. The notifications containing amendments and changes are supplied to the accredited correspondents of the news agencies and Hindi/English/ other language newspapers for wide publicity. The important changes and amendments are broadcast/telecast on All India Radio and Doordarshan also.

Fourth Pay Commission Report

37. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position in regard to the submission of Report by the Fourth Central Pay Commission to the Government of India; and

(b) the time by which it is likely to be submitted and implemented by Government?